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30566.17-US-C3

Application Number

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Art Unit

2628

Examiner

Phu K. Nguyen

Applicant requests review of the final rejection in the above-identified application. No amendments are being filed with this request.

This request is being filed with a notice of appeal.

The review is requested for the reason(s) stated on the attached sheet(s).

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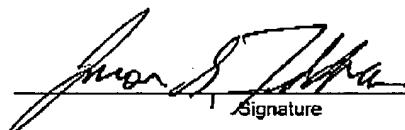
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See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed.
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Due Date: July 8, 2008

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Gregory A. Roy et al.	Examiner:	Phu K. Nguyen
Serial No.:	10/642,857	Group Art Unit:	2628
Filed:	August 18, 2003	Docket:	G&C 30566.17-US-C3
Title:	VECTOR-BASED GEOGRAPHIC DATA		

PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW ARGUMENTS

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated April 8, 2008 and the Advisory Action dated July 1, 2008, Applicants hereby submit a Notice of Appeal accompanied by a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review. The claims have not been amended. Appellants submit that based on the claims and cited art, there are clear errors in the examiner's rejections and further, the rejections fail to establish essential elements needed for a prima facie rejection.

Failure to Establish Prima Facie Case under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Appellants directs the panel to pages 11-19 of the Request for Reconsideration filed by Appellant on June 5, 2008 for the substance of the arguments. Based on such arguments, Appellants submit that there is clear error in the examiner's rejection. Such failures are more clearly set forth below.

Obtaining a Map File in Response to a Request for a Map Picture

Appellant directs the Panel to pages 11-12 of the Request for Reconsideration filed by Appellant on June 5, 2008 for the substance of the arguments. As set forth therein, Kochevar's query result is neither equivalent to nor does it even remotely resemble a map file as claimed.

In response to such arguments, the Advisory Action now asserts:

Examiner maintains that in order to display a map, the system must access to a file to gather the information for display a map, and such display file is equivalent to the claimed "map file".

Appellants note that such an assertion lacks any foundation or support in the references or otherwise. Accessing a file needed to display anything cannot be equivalent to a file that is a "map file" as claimed. It is clear from the references that Kochevar returns a query result and there is no mention of relying on a file to gather information for displaying a map. Further, to assert that a system must access a file to gather information to display a map and that such a display file is equivalent to the claimed map file relies on the Examiner's own unsupported allegations without taking official notice and without support in the references or otherwise. Such a rejection is not only improper but is clearly in error and fails to establish a prima facie case of nonobviousness.

Ability to Determine URL That Identifies a Storage Location of Vector Map Data that Defines a Map Object for a Requested Map Picture

Appellants direct the attention of the panel to pages 12-15 of the Request for Reconsideration filed by Appellant on June 5, 2008 for the substance of the arguments.

In this regard, the Examiner continues to rely on an "inherent" use of a file without any support in the cited references or otherwise (despite Appellants continual requests for such support). Such a reliance is clearly an error and therefore fails to establish a prima facie case of non-obviousness.

Vector Based Map Data Defining One or more Map Objects of the Map Picture

Appellants direct the attention of the panel to pages 15-16 of the Request for Reconsideration filed by Appellant on June 5, 2008 for the substance of the arguments.

As stated therein, the Office Action is attempting to improperly map the claim elements and fails to consider the claims and their limitations as a whole. In this regard, the Office Action is clearly in error and fails to establish a prima facie case of non-obviousness.

Retrieving Vector Based Map Data From the Storage Location at a URL

Appellants direct the attention of the panel to pages 16-18 of the Request for Reconsideration filed by Appellant on June 5, 2008 for the substance of the arguments.

The claims provide for obtaining vector based map data from the storage location at the URL. The Examiner continues to assert that links to other web sites meet such a limitation. However, such an assertion fails to recognize the clearly set forth claim limitations and is an omission of an essential element needed to establish a *prima facie* rejection. Further, such an assertion is clearly an error in the Office Action.

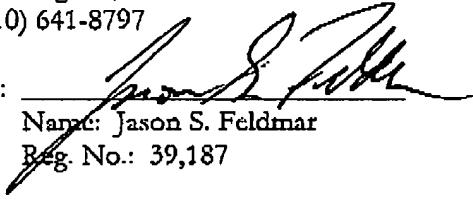
In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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